

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on October 17, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Abstract is objected to. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and to advance prosecution and expedite allowance, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which includes the changes suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the New Abstract respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 8 is objected to for certain informalities. In response, claim 8 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 8 is respectfully requested.

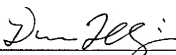
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9-11 and 20-41 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 9-11 and 20-41 are allowed. Further, independent claims 1, 7 and 12 have been amended to include certain

features of allowed claim 9 which are believed to render these claims patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 7 and 12 be allowed. In addition, as claims 2-6, 8 and 13-19 depend from independent claims 1, 7 and 12, Applicants respectfully request that claims 2-6, 8 and 13-19 also be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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